



LEGISLATURE

MINUTES

RETIREMENT AND INDEPENDENT ENTITIES INTERIM COMMITTEE

Monday, June 22, 2020 | 8:30 a.m. | 210 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. Wayne A. Harper, Chair
Rep. Craig Hall, Chair
Sen. Gene Davis
Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
Sen. Karen Mayne
Sen. Todd Weiler
Rep. Kera Birkeland
Rep. Susan Duckworth
Rep. Lee B. Perry
Rep. Candice B. Pierucci
Rep. Marie H. Poulson

Rep. Adam Robertson
Rep. Lawanna Shurtliff

Members Absent:

Sen. Daniel Hemmert
Rep. Travis M. Seegmiller

Staff Present:

Andy Yewdell, Policy Analyst
Andrea Valenti Arthur, Associate General Counsel
Peter Asplund, Associate General Counsel
Leila Reynolds, Administrative Assistant

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Chair Harper called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

1 . Committee Business

Andy Yewdell reviewed how digital meetings will be conducted and the committee's assigned Interim Study Items list.

[1A - 2020 RIE Interim Committee Study Items List](#)

MOTION: Rep. Hall moved to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2019, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-12

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. S. Duckworth
Sen. L. Fillmore
Rep. C. Hall
Sen. W. Harper
Sen. K. Mayne
Rep. L. Perry
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. M. Poulson
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. L. Shurtliff
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. G. Davis
Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. T. Seegmiller

MOTION: Rep. Hall moved to allow chairs to open bill files on behalf of the committee according to legislative rules. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-12

Rep. K. Birkeland
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Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. M. Poulson
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. L. Shurtliff
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0Absent-3

Sen. G. Davis
Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. T. Seegmiller

MOTION:

Rep. Robertson moved to place Waterfall v. Retirement Board on the Interim Study Items list and authorize the chairs to open a committee bill file on that item. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-12

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. S. Duckworth
Sen. L. Fillmore
Rep. C. Hall
Sen. W. Harper
Sen. K. Mayne
Rep. L. Perry
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. M. Poulson
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. L. Shurtliff
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0Absent-3

Sen. G. Davis
Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. T. Seegmiller

[1D - Waterfall v. Retirement Board](#)

Andy Yewdell informed the committee of the updated URS and Independent Entities guides for 2020.

[1B - URS Overview](#)[1C - 2020 Independent Entities Guide](#)**MOTION:**

Rep. Poulson moved to adopt the Interim Study Items list as amended. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-12

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. S. Duckworth
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Sen. W. Harper
Sen. K. Mayne
Rep. L. Perry
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. M. Poulson
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. L. Shurtliff
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0Absent-3

Sen. G. Davis
Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. T. Seegmiller

2 . 2020 H.B. 173 Firefighter Retirement Amendments



[2A - HB 173 Study Presentation](#)

Andrea Valenti Arthur presented an overview of H.B. 173 Firefighter Retirement Amendments and the bill's requirement that the committee study the retirement system for current wild land firefighters.

3 . Utah Retirement Systems Funding Updates

[3A - URS Briefing](#)

Dee Larsen, General Counsel, Utah Retirement Systems, gave a funding and contribution rate update on URS.

The committee asked questions of the presenter.

4 . Federal and State Executive Action Pertaining to COVID-19 and Retirement Law

[4A - URS Briefing](#)

Dee Larsen, General Counsel, Utah Retirement Systems, gave an overview on how the pandemic has affected URS.

The committee asked questions of the presenter.

Dee Larsen continued with the presentation.

5 . Utah Education Network

Ray Timothy, Executive Director, Utah Education Network, gave an update on how the agency is handling the increased demands for network bandwidth during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The committee asked questions of the presenter.

6 . Current and Projected Impact of COVID-19 on State Health Insurance Risk Pool

[6A - PEHP Briefing](#)

Chet Loftis, Managing Director, PEHP, presented on how COVID-19 has impacted the state health insurance risk pool.

The committee asked questions of the presenter.

7 . Utah State Fair Park Corporation

[7A - Utah State Fair Corporation Briefing](#)

Larry Mullenax, Executive Director, Utah State Fair Corporation, spoke on how COVID-19 is affecting the organization and the possibility of canceling the state fair for this year.

The committee asked questions of the presenter.

8 . Utah Beef Council and COVID-19

Brent Tanner, Executive Director, Utah Beef Council, spoke on how COVID-19 has affected the beef industry in Utah.

The committee asked questions of the presenter.

**9 . Utah Dairy Commission and COVID-19**

Karianne Fallow, CEO, Dairy West, spoke on how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected the dairy industry in Utah.

MOTION: Rep. Perry moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 5.

Yeas-10

Rep. K. Birkeland
Sen. G. Davis
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Rep. L. Perry
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. M. Poulson
Rep. L. Shurtliff
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0Absent-5

Rep. S. Duckworth
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. T. Seegmiller

The committee adjourned at 10:12 a.m.